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CHAPTER 307

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Sheriff's Salary Increase**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the salary for the Sheriff of Washington County; ~~and~~  
4 providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the  
5 incumbent Sheriff of Washington County; and generally relating to the Sheriff of  
6 Washington County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 2-309(w)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 2-309.

16 (w) (1) The Sheriff of Washington County shall receive a salary of [\$55,000]  
17 \$67,500. The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy at a salary level set by the County  
18 Commissioners. The Sheriff may appoint deputy sheriffs and other personnel  
19 necessary to perform the duties of office at salary levels set by the County  
20 Commissioners in accordance with the County's budgetary process.

21 (2) Any deputy sheriff appointed according to this section shall be placed  
22 on a probationary status for the first year of his employment, and may be dismissed

1 by the Sheriff for any reason during that probationary period. At the conclusion of  
2 twelve months' continuous employment, a deputy sheriff having the rank of  
3 lieutenant or below has tenure, and may be discharged by the Sheriff only for  
4 misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or insubordination in office.

5 (3) If the Sheriff of Washington County approves after considering  
6 personnel needs, the County Commissioners may authorize a deputy sheriff to  
7 perform off-duty services for any person who agrees to pay a fee, including but not  
8 limited to, hourly rates for off-duty service, any necessary insurance to be determined  
9 by the Commissioners, including any fringe benefits and the reasonable rental cost of  
10 uniforms or other equipment used by any off-duty personnel.

11 (4) (i) The Sheriff of Washington County may appoint special deputy  
12 sheriffs, including members of the police force of a Washington County municipality  
13 who are:

14 1. Selected by the chief of police of the municipality; and

15 2. Verified by the chief of police of the municipality as having  
16 achieved at least the minimum level of training for police duties in a municipality as  
17 designated by the Maryland Police Training Commission.

18 (ii) The appointment of special deputy sheriffs is subject to the  
19 following conditions:

20 1. The Sheriff shall assign the special deputy sheriff who is a  
21 member of the police force to duties in the municipality where the special deputy  
22 sheriff is a member of the police force, or in the surrounding area;

23 2. The Sheriff may terminate the appointment of the special  
24 deputy sheriff for cause or on completion of the assignment for which he was  
25 appointed;

26 3. The special deputy sheriff is not an employee of  
27 Washington County for the purpose of employment security or employee benefits; and

28 4. County liability insurance shall be provided to a special  
29 deputy sheriff only when he is acting within his official duties.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III,  
31 Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or  
32 apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Washington County in office on  
33 the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or  
34 compensation of the Sheriff of Washington County shall take effect at the beginning of  
35 the next following term of office.

36 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
37 October 1, 2001.

